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## MERGER OF THREE SOUTHERN LINES AND EXTENSIONS

**Propose Connection With Burlington System at Paducah.**

**For Way Into St. Louis and Lake Port.**

**NEW ORLEANS HEARS OF IT.**

New Orleans, La., Jan. 31.—An official yet apparently authoritative statement given out from reliable source of the contemplated merger of three southern railway systems means the establishment of a new trunk line between Chicago and St. Louis and the Gulf coast, with New Orleans as the southern terminal.

The statement is to the effect that there is to be a merger of three railway companies, which, with the construction of connecting links, will develop a new trunk route, backed by the Goodyear, to compete with Mississippi Valley railroads. The three roads involved are the Mississippi Central, the New Orleans Great Northern and the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago. The latter road, which was the old Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City line.

According to the information in the announcement, the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago line will extend its tracks from Middleton, Tenn., to Paducah, Ky., where the Burlington is already building down from Herford, Ill., completing the connection into Chicago and St. Louis. A line from Middleton, Tenn., to Memphis, Tenn., will also be constructed. Meanwhile traffic agreements will take the line into Kansas City.

The new southern link necessary to complete the trunk system will be built between Columbia, Miss., and Hattiesburg. This is only 7 miles.

From Middleton, Tenn., to Hattiesburg, the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago operates its own tracks. Local connections with the new trunk system will be made via the New Orleans and Great Northern and the Mississippi Central through to Hattiesburg.

While mileage between New Orleans and Chicago by this proposed route will be somewhat longer than that of trunk lines now operating, yet it is declared the same time schedule is possible.

The Goodyear syndicate, owners of the New Orleans Great Northern, are said to be backing the consolidation.

## EMMA D. BURTON

**WIFE OF ARTHUR BURTON, RIVERMAN, DIES.**

**Pioneer Lady of Fancy Farm Succumbs to Old Age at Her Home.**

Mrs. Emma Davis Burton, 24 years old, wife of Mr. Arthur Burton, a riverman, residing at 321 South Third street, died at 9:35 o'clock last night of pneumonia after an illness of three weeks. She was born in Crittenden county and has lived in Paducah for the last ten years. She was a member of the First Baptist church.

Surviving her are her husband and one son, Frank Burton, 4 years old, and four sisters, all of Cape Girardeau, Mo., as follows: Misses Georgia, Neoma and Rose Davis and Mrs. Artie C. Graves. She also leaves two brothers, who are: Messrs. Joe and John Davis, of Missouri. The body will be taken to Dawson Springs, Wednesday morning at 7:50 o'clock. The funeral and burial will be held there.

### Mrs. Eubanks' Funeral.

The body of Mrs. W. C. Eubanks, who died early Saturday morning as a result of burns received Friday afternoon, was laid at rest in Oak Grove cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Simple funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. M. E. Dodd. The floral tributes were many and handsome.

### Koreans in Revolt.

London, Jan. 31.—A report was received here this afternoon which declares there has been a massacre of 20 Japanese settlers in South Phogogan, Korea. Koreans are said to have risen in arms against the constant encroachments of the Japanese. It is rumored here that the uprising is the beginning of a general one over all Korea against Japanese occupancy of the Hermit Kingdom.

## Reign of Crime in Paris Compels Citizens to Take Law Into Their Own Hand to Protect Themselves

**One Apache Lynched and Two Are Drowned in Battle with Marines—Hold Police at Bay in Old Hotel.**

Paris, Jan. 31.—With 200,000 actually homeless and 300,000 unemployed hundreds are still imperilled by the flood and acute distress is everywhere. The government announced today that it "has the situation well in hand." This means only that the crisis of the flood itself passed and, if none of the threatened dangers materialize, the city is in a position to recover from the blow that has fallen upon it. The Seine is receding only a half inch an hour. The military aspect of the city continues and the soldiers guard the property from multitudes of idlers, and also control the bread lines, which are in all parts of Paris. Many stores have substituted "boat lines" for delivery wagons.

A reign of crime and pillage is sweeping the flood devastated sections of Paris and her suburbs today, despite the vigilance of thousands of soldiers and police. Increasing depredations so enraged the people that they are taking the law into their own hands, even fighting with the authorities, who attempt to save looters from their wrath.

At Afortville today a boat containing four Apaches was chased by a boat loaded with marines. In a revolver battle the looters' boat was finally sunk and two robbers were drowned, one was captured and lynched, and a fourth escaped. Eight armed robbers in a deserted hotel for more than an hour held at bay a mob seeking their lives. Gendarmes saved them. It is believed the police and soldiers will be ordered to shoot the looters on sight instead of arresting them.

Failures is being criticized again by the newspapers, because his contribution of \$1,000 is much smaller than that of many foreigners even.

Thief, arrested at Ivery, attempted to sink the boat of his captors. They then tied a rope to him and threw him overboard and dragged him through the icy water three-quarters of an hour. He was so chilled that it is believed he will die. An attempt to lynch a looter at Paris was frustrated by the arrival of the police, who galloped in time to save his life. This act of the officers so enraged the people that they turned on them and fought a pitched battle.

The check of Frank Gould for the relief of the flood sufferers was received today. It is for \$5,000. The Standard Oil company wired \$20,000 and \$10,000 was received from Speyer & company, bankers. The government has already undertaken the disinfecting work. As soon as the water recedes from the houses a disinfecting crew appears with carbolic acid. A big caving of the sidewalks in Quai Dausteritz occurred this afternoon. Large department stores are lending every delivery automobile to the authorities to aid in the distribution of food to the poor.

### Sailing Vessel Wrecked.

Lisbon, Jan. 31.—The sailing vessel Fortuna was wrecked today on the rock of Azores, and the crew of fifteen lost, according to messages. The storm that for two days was sweeping the northern part of Portugal, was the cause. Five passengers escaped in a boat.

### Thawing Hydrant Causes Fire.

While a hydrant was being thawed out this morning, fire caught the residence, occupied by John McClain, Twelfth and Madison streets. The fire around the pipe burned between the walls. Hose company, No. 2, and truck company, No. 4, responded quickly to the alarm and extinguished it before the blaze gained headway.

## Single-Handed Officer Captures Two Yeggmen

Sarepta, La., Jan. 31.—As the result of a revolver battle between constable Bigley and two yegg men, believed to have robbed more than 30 Louisiana postoffices, Richard Sebever, one of the bandits, is in jail here today, while his unidentified companion is fatally wounded.

Sebever has confessed to complicity in many hold-ups. It is said. The yegg men were discovered, drilling the safe in Oyle's store, and an alarm was sounded. The robbers were frightened from the job by the noise and when the first one came out Bigley commanded him to halt; but the man attempted to get away. The constable emptied his revolver until

### VAN ZANDT BREAKS.

Cincinnati, Jan. 31.—James Van Zandt, held by the police in connection with the murder of his wife, who burned to death on a stove, collapsed completely today when told of new clues which furnish motives. The principal is Agnes Barry, 17 years old, being detained at a convent of the Good Shepherd, with whom he is now known to have been infatuated.

## BEGIN WRECKING OLD BUILDINGS

**PRELIMINARY WORK TO START AT FOURTH STREET AND BROADWAY.**

Work of wrecking the buildings on the site of the proposed ten-story building at Fourth street and Broadway will be started possibly tomorrow. Contractor H. M. Weikel secured the contract for wrecking the buildings, the excavating and the brick work, and he stated today that he might get possession tomorrow of the two small buildings on Fourth street between McPherson's drug store and the Rhodes-Burford building. He will tear them down at once and start his excavation. As fast thereafter as the tenants get out he will begin wrecking the other buildings.

### Master Lovett at Frankfort.

Master Joseph G. Lovett, of Benton was in the city Thursday having come up to be the guest of friends and take a look at the new capital.—Frankfort News.

## COUNTY UNIT MEN ARE RESTRAINED

**THEIR ARDOR HELD IN CHECK BY PUSHING OTHER BILLS AHEAD.**

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31. (Special.)—In both the senate and house this morning efforts to advance the county unit bill were blocked by pushing other business ahead. Lieut. Gov. Cox's ruling in reference of bills was not in order, and Klair in the house succeeded in getting a motion through for the introduction of bills.

### Joy Riding Under Ban.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—The senate passed a bill making joy riding a misdemeanor punishable by fine of \$100 to \$500, or six months in the penitentiary.

### PNEUMONIA KILLS 9 PEOPLE IN JANUARY

Nine deaths from pneumonia in Paducah in January. This is shown by the monthly report of the city health department, and is the largest from this illness in many months. There were 32 deaths during the month, which is about an average month for January, known as a fatal month. Only three deaths resulted from tuberculosis. There has been more people ill with pneumonia this winter than in several years.

## CITY LICENSES RUSHING IN TO ESCAPE PENALTY

**Thousands of Dollars Are Received in the Last Few Days.**

**This is Last Day They Can be Paid.**

**TEN PER CENT ON TOMORROW.**

Thousands of dollars in revenue are pouring into the city treasury today, as the 10 per cent penalty on licenses goes into effect at midnight. Three of the busiest men at the city hall are City Treasurer Walters, City Clerk McIntyre and License Inspector Robert Hicks.

Mr. Hicks was busy all last week, notifying delinquents that today would be the time limit for the payment of licenses and it seems that a majority of them have waited until the last day. Treasurer Walters will close his office at 5 o'clock this afternoon and all who have failed to pay by this time will be charged the penalty.

Lawyers in Paducah will take an appeal from the city court in the license matter and their licenses may be held up until an opinion from a higher court is obtained. They are contending that the original ordinance intended to charge \$15, but by an oversight the license was increased to \$25 per annum. They will not be charged the penalty until after the opinion is handed down.

### Hiram Smedley Wild

Officials at the county jail had only a few hours' sleep last night because of the yells and screams of Hiram Smedley, who is under treatment for the drug habit. His private supply of dope was exhausted. It is said, and he was given only a limited supply by the jail officials. He burned all his bed clothes and tried to set fire to his cell. All efforts to pacify him were unavailing.

## BANK RESUMES TODAY; STEAMBOAT MAN BEAD

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 31. (Special.)—The Citizens' bank resumed this morning.

H. M. Sweetser, a wealthy steamboat operator of this city, died this morning.

## TAXPAYERS COMPLAIN BEFORE SUPERVISORS

Many complaints from taxpayers on personal property were made before the city board of supervisors today. The board expects to dispose of its business today or tomorrow and then will add the total personal tax lists. Afterwards City Assessor Orr will begin listing the poll taxes and says it will require most of next month to complete the work. March 1 all the books will be turned over to City Clerk McIntyre, who will make out the tax bills. This work will require several weeks.

## HIS WIFE'S FALSE TEETH SAVED HER

**DEFENDANT IN DIVORCE SUIT SHOTS HIMSELF TO DEATH.**

Traverse City, Mich., Jan. 31.—Following the filing of his wife's divorce papers and a petition that he be put under bond to keep the peace, Ezra Withrey, 55 years old, today waylaid his wife in a crowded street, as she was going to work in company with a half dozen young women, including her 16-year-old daughter, and shot her. He then turned the revolver on himself, blowing out his brains. Mrs. Withrey is seriously injured, but is not fatally wounded. The fact that one of the bullets struck her false teeth and was deflected probably saved her life.

## Chicago Market.

May	High	Low	Close
Wheat	1.11 1/2	1.10 1/2	1.10 1/2
Corn	.66 1/2	.66 1/4	.66 3/4
Oats	.46 1/2	.46 1/4	.46 3/4
Prov.	21.40	20.27	21.35
Lard	11.91	11.92	11.92
Ribs	11.62	11.37	11.62

## Freight and Passenger Trains on Main Line of Illinois Central in Head-on Collision This Morning

**Twelve People Are Injured in Spite of Heroic Effort to Prevent Wreck; Mail Clerks Suffer Most Severely.**

### THE INJURED.

Emmett Harris, mail clerk, bruised.  
Eldridge Grimes, mail clerk, bruised.  
Bob Lewis, mail clerk, bruised.  
Roy Cornwell, of Bardwell, postal clerk, foot hurt.  
Bruce Knox, postal clerk, leg fractured and bruised.  
R. A. Edmonds, of Illinois, bruised.  
Engineer Toutinott, of Fulton, leg sprained.  
C. B. Wilson, of Fulton, back hurt.  
Engineer W. A. Dodd, of Memphis, leg hurt.  
J. A. Holtberg, of Illinois, back wrenched.  
J. J. Russell, of Davenport, passenger, back hurt.  
Traveling Engineer Lloyd Grimes, of Fulton, face lacerated and bruised.  
C. E. Miller, of Cairo, express messenger, back injured.

A serious wreck resulted this morning on the Illinois Central railroad near River, Tenn., when a head-on collision occurred between passenger train No. 3, between Chicago and New Orleans, and the third section of freight train, No. 184. The freight crew is said to have overlooked orders. Desperate efforts were made to check both trains, and the trains had slowed down or the wreck would have been disastrous.

The passengers were jarred up considerably, but none was seriously injured. None of the passengers in the Pullman cars was injured. The most seriously injured were the mail clerks. When the engines met the heavy Pullman cars wedged in the light mail cars, breaking them in two. Eldridge Grimes, a mail clerk, looked out the door just before the collision and warned his companions of the approaching crash. The passenger train was moving about 18 miles an hour and the freight train about 10 miles an hour when the collision occurred. None of the injured were from Paducah, although some of the injured were brought to the railroad hospital at noon on passenger train, No. 192.

The big engines were welded together by the impact. None of the crews were Paducah men. The passenger crew runs between Cairo and Memphis, while the freight crew was from Fulton. Traveling Engineer Lloyd Grimes of Fulton, was on one of the locomotives when the crash came. He is well known in Paducah. The Fulton wrecker was called out. Rives is 14 miles south of Fulton.

The right leg of Knox was fractured in two places below the knee and he was bruised over the body. Harris sustained a dislocation of the left shoulder and bruises over the body. They were treated at the railroad hospital.

### He Lost His Coat.

While Claud Patterson was munching a slice of pie at Parson's restaurant, on Broadway, last night an unknown customer finished his meal, payed the cashier, took Patterson's overcoat from the rack and departed. In place of the coat he left a tattered garment. Patterson discovered the "change" when he was ready to leave and reported the affair to the police. Patterson said his coat was a long black one.

## NEWS OF BATTLE IS CONFLICTING

**NO VERIFICATION OR DENIAL OF GENERAL BEING WOUNDED.**

Bluefields, Jan. 31.—No confirmation of Chamorro's being severely wounded has been received, nor has his denial, as it is almost impossible to get answers to telegrams from Acosapa, where he is said to be in a hospital. Messages must be carried by a messenger from Rama. Many conflicting rumors concerning the armies are out today, but none bear startling changes in conditions.

### Little Boy Hurt

Little Cypress, Ky., Jan. 31. (Special.)—Bannus McFarland, the five-year-old son of John McFarland, fractured his right arm yesterday when he fell from a lumber pile. The fracture was reduced by Dr. E. R. Goodloe.

Captain W. C. Clark, who has been ill for several weeks, is unimproved.

## FISCAL COURT IN REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY MORNING

**Will Discuss Almshouse and Road Improvement Plans.**

**Property Owners Said to be Encroaching.**

**SETTLEMENT WITH SHERIFF.**

The regular monthly meeting of the fiscal court will be held tomorrow at the court house. A number of interesting items will be presented before the court. Chief interest will center in the settlement of former Sheriff John W. Ogilvie. County Attorney Sanders E. Clay and County Judge Alben W. Barkley have been busy several days investigating cases of double assessment reported by the former sheriff. It is thought that the county will be ready to make the settlement tomorrow.

The poorhouse committee will make a report on the condition of the county almshouse. Several recommendations will be offered by the committee, and it is expected that almost a complete new set of rules governing the keeper and inmates will be presented.

The road committee will make a report also. The committee will recommend some changes in the abutments of the Clark's river bridge. The abutments will be strengthened by the addition of a concrete wall. In making the improvement the county will claim land that has been encroached upon by private property owners, it is said. A lively fight may be made, as the property owners claim the land by limitation.

### Mrs. Elizabeth Willett.

Mrs. Elizabeth Willett, 82 years old, a pioneer citizen of Graves county, died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home near Fancy Farm, of old age. She will be buried in the Catholic cemetery at Fancy Farm tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Her maiden name was Elizabeth Roberts, and she was born in Graves county, where her brother, John A. Roberts, still lives. She married Samuel Willett, who died some years since. She leaves no children, but a step-son, A. J. Willett, resides at 1204 Broadway.

## LESLIE COMBS IS TO BE RETURNED

**SENATOR PAYNTER WITHDRAWS FROM BALLINGER COMMITTEE.**

Washington, Jan. 31. (Special.)—It is stated that no decision has yet been reached on some delayed appointments in Kentucky. Leslie Combs is certain to go back to Peru. Edwards has succeeded in getting Sherman Cooper chosen collector.

### Senator Paynter Withdraws.

Washington, Jan. 31. (Special.)—Senator T. H. Paynter, of Kentucky, has resigned from the Ballinger investigating committee today. He is ill of the grip and unable to assist the committee. His successor on the committee has not been appointed.

### The Cost of Living.

The ways and means committee of the house decided today to probe into the causes of the higher cost of living. A sub-committee was appointed to report at the next meeting of the whole committee, suggesting just how the investigation should be carried on.

## PADUCAH CONTRACTOR MAY GET THE WORK

Postmaster Frank Fisher returned yesterday from Washington, where he has been for two weeks on business. While at the national capital he investigated the progress made in awarding the contracts for the improvements at the postoffice. There is a possibility that Contractor B. T. Davis will be awarded the contract for the woodwork. His bid was close to the lowest. It was discovered that the lowest bid did not include revolving doors. The postoffice department is now trying to find which is the lower, and an announcement, awarding the contract, is expected any day.